

# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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<b>GOAL 1 Ready to Learn</b>								
1. Has the percentage of infants born in the state with 1 or more of 4 health risks decreased? (1990 vs. 1997)*	48%	35%	↑	37%	33%	↑	25-48%	24-45%
2. Has the percentage of fully immunized 2-year-olds increased? (1994 vs. 1997)	73%	76%	↔	75%	78%	↑	61-88%	71-87%
3. Has the percentage of infants born at low birthweight decreased? (1990 vs. 1997)	15%	13%	↑	7%	8%	↓	5-15%	3-13%
4. Has the percentage of mothers receiving early prenatal care increased? (1990 vs. 1997)	56%	67%	↑	76%	83%	↑	47-87%	57-90%
5. Has the number of children with disabilities in preschool (per 1,000 3- to 5-year-olds) increased? (1991 vs. 1998)	19	18	↓	■	■		16-68	14-96
<b>GOAL 2 School Completion</b>								
6. Has the high school completion rate increased? (1990 vs. 1997)	82%	85%	↔	86%	85%	↔	77-96%	75-95%
7. Has the high school dropout rate decreased? (1992 vs. 1995)*	12%	11%	↑	■	■		3-12%	2-11%
<b>GOAL 3 Student Achievement and Citizenship</b>								
8. Reading: Has the percentage of students scoring at or above Proficient increased								
• in Grade 4? (1992 vs. 1998)*	10%	10%	↔	29%	31%	↔	3-38%	8-46%
• in Grade 8? (1998)	12%	—		33%	—		10-42%	—
9. Writing: Has the percentage of students scoring at or above Proficient increased								
• in Grade 8? (1998)	11%	—		27%	—		9-44%	—

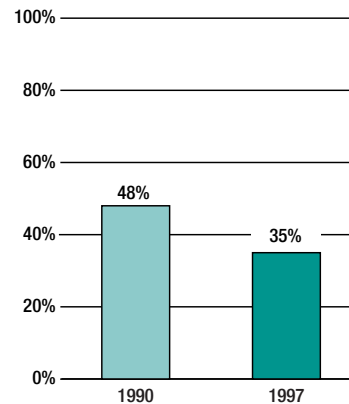
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### Children's Health Index

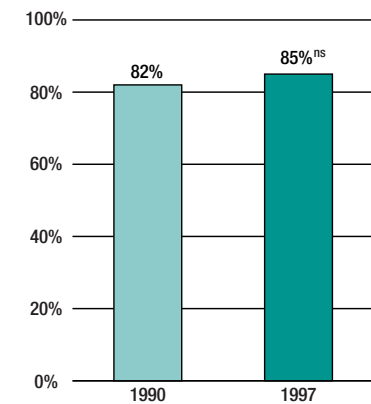
Percentage of infants born with 1 or more of 4 health risks<sup>1</sup> (Indicator 1)



<sup>1</sup> Risks are: late (in third trimester) or no prenatal care, low maternal weight gain (less than 21 pounds), mother smoked during pregnancy, or mother drank alcohol during pregnancy.

### High School Completion

Percentage of all 18- to 24-year-olds<sup>1</sup> who have a high school credential<sup>2</sup> (Indicator 6)



<sup>1</sup> Does not include those still in high school.  
<sup>2</sup> Includes traditional high school diploma and alternative credential.  
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<b>GOAL 3 Student Achievement and Citizenship (continued)</b>								
10. Mathematics: Has the percentage of students scoring at or above Proficient increased								
• in Grade 4? (1992 vs. 1996)*	5%	5%	↔	18%	21%	↑	5-27%	3-31%
• in Grade 8? (1990 vs. 1996)*	3%	5%	↔	15%	24%	↑	1-27%	5-34%
11. Science: Has the percentage of students scoring at or above Proficient increased								
• in Grade 8? (1996)	5%	—		29%	—		5-41%	—
12. Has the number of Advanced Placement examinations receiving a grade of 3 or higher (per 1,000 11th and 12th graders) increased? (1991 vs. 1999)	177	244	↑	55	97	↑	9-177	19-244
<b>GOAL 4 Teacher Education and Professional Development</b>								
13. Has the percentage of public secondary school teachers who hold								
• a degree in their main teaching assignment increased? (1991 vs. 1994)	85%	73%	↔	66%	63%	↓	51-85%	50-81%
• a teaching certificate in their main teaching assignment increased? (1991 vs. 1994)	97%	95%	↔	94%	93%	↓	91-100%	89-100%
14. Has the percentage of public school teachers participating in professional development programs on 1 or more selected topics increased? (1994)	92%	—		85%	—		76-98%	—
15. Has the percentage of public school teachers with training to teach limited English proficient students increased? (1994)	25%	—		16%	—		4-81%	—
16. Has the percentage of public school teachers participating in formal teacher induction programs during their first year of teaching increased? (1991 vs. 1994)	37%	39%	↔	22%	27%	↑	6-42%	7-48%

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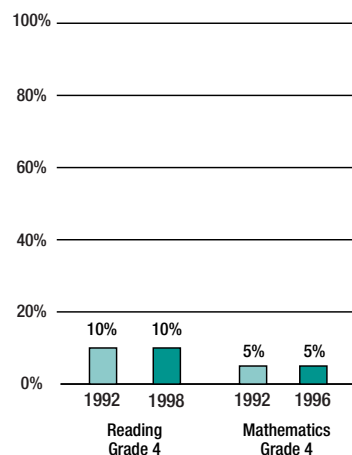
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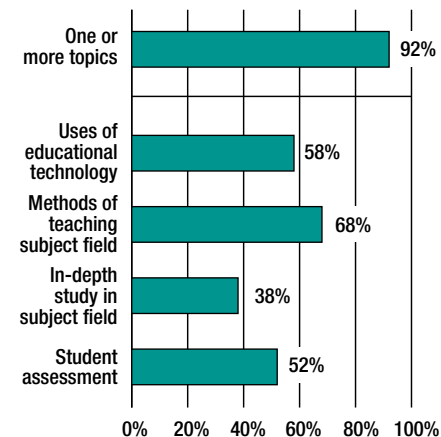
## Student Achievement

Percentage of public school students scoring at or above Proficient in reading and mathematics (Indicators 8 & 10)



## Professional Development

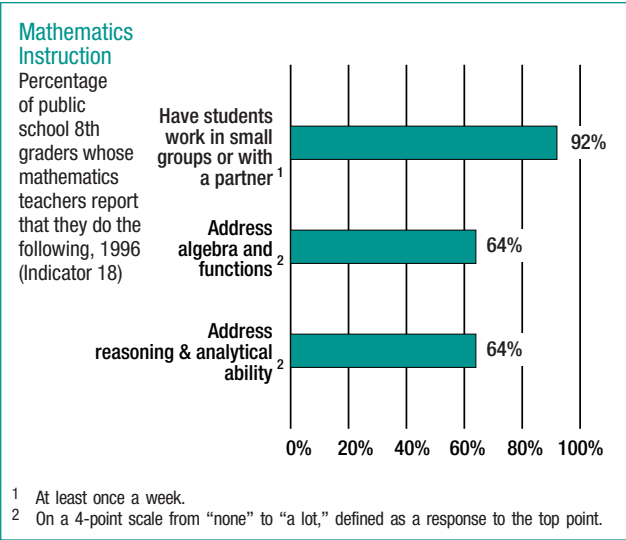
Percentage of public school teachers participating in professional development on the following topics<sup>1</sup>, 1994 (Indicator 14)



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<b>GOAL 5</b>		<b>Mathematics and Science</b>							
17.	Has the state's international standing improved in	38 out of 41 countries would be expected to score above District of Columbia			20 out of 40 countries scored above the U.S.			6-38 countries	—
	• Grade 8 mathematics achievement? (1996)	38 out of 41 countries would be expected to score above District of Columbia			9 out of 40 countries scored above the U.S.			1-38 countries	—
	• Grade 8 science achievement? (1996)								
18.	Has the percentage of public school 8th graders whose mathematics teachers report that they	92%			66%	—		45-92%	—
	• have students work in small groups or with a partner increased? (1996)	64%			57%	—		45-82%	—
	• address algebra and functions increased? (1996)	64%			52%	—		39-64%	—
	• address reasoning and analytical ability increased? (1996)								
19.	Has the percentage of public school 8th graders who have computers available in their mathematics classroom increased? (1996)	42%			30%	—		7-54%	—
20.	Has the percentage of mathematics and science degrees awarded to								
	• all students increased? (1991 vs. 1996)	49%	54%	↑	39%	43%	↑	25-49%	16-54%
	• minority (Black, Hispanic, American Indian/Alaskan Native) students increased? (1991 vs. 1996)	44%	49%	↑	39%	40%	↑	22-64%	24-57%
	• female students increased? (1991 vs. 1996)	46%	52%	↑	35%	41%	↑	23-46%	15-52%
<b>GOAL 6</b>		<b>Adult Literacy and Lifelong Learning</b>							
21.	Has the percentage of adults scoring at the 3 highest levels in prose literacy increased? (1992)	—	—		52%	—		46-77%	—
22.	Has the percentage of U.S. citizens who report that they								
	• registered to vote increased? (1988 vs. 1996)	69%	78%	↑	70%	71%	↑	58-95%	61-91%
	• voted increased? (1988 vs. 1996)	56%	63%	↑	61%	58%	↓	50-74%	47-69%



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<b>GOAL 6</b>	<b>Adult Literacy and Lifelong Learning (continued)</b>							
23. Has postsecondary enrollment increased? (1992 vs. 1996)	33%	58%	↑	◆	◆		33-68%	40-73%
<b>GOAL 7</b>	<b>Safe, Disciplined, and Alcohol- and Drug-free Schools</b>							
24. Has student marijuana use decreased? (1993 vs. 1997)*	18%	29%	↓	◆	◆		7-21%	12-35%
25. Has student alcohol use (5 or more drinks in a row) decreased? (1993 vs. 1997)*	16%	18%	↔	◆	◆		9-44%	11-45%
26. Has the availability of drugs on school property decreased? (1993 vs. 1997)*	16%	25%	↓	◆	◆		11-31%	15-42%
27. Has the percentage of students threatened or injured with a weapon while on school property decreased? (1993 vs. 1997)*	11%	13%	↔	◆	◆		6-15%	5-13%
28. Has the percentage of students involved in physical fights on school property decreased? (1993 vs. 1997)*	18%	19%	↔	◆	◆		13-39%	11-34%
29. Has the percentage of students carrying weapons on school property decreased? (1993 vs. 1997)*	16%	17%	↔	◆	◆		8-18%	5-17%
30. Has the percentage of students who do not feel safe at school decreased? (1993 vs. 1997)*	11%	11%	↔	◆	◆		3-23%	3-13%
31. Has teacher victimization decreased? (1994)	26%	—		15%	◆		8-26%	—
32. Have student disruptions that interfere with teaching decreased? (1991 vs. 1994)	60%	63%	↔	37%	46%	↓	23-60%	33-65%
<b>GOAL 8</b>	<b>Parental Participation</b>							
33. Has the percentage of schools with minimal parental involvement decreased, according to								
• public school teachers? (1991 vs. 1994)	44%	50%	↔	◆	◆		9-44%	13-50%
• public school principals? (1991 vs. 1994)	14%	24%	↔	◆	◆		4-22%	3-27%
34. Has the influence of parent associations on school policy increased? (1991 vs. 1994)	34%	29%	↔	◆	◆		8-37%	12-50%

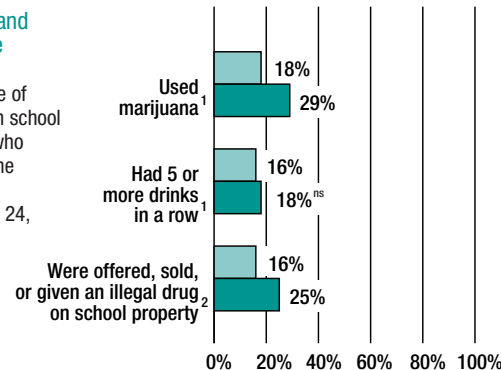
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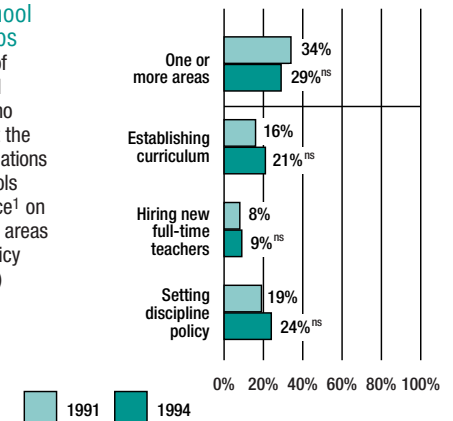
Percentage of public high school students who reported the following (Indicators 24, 25, & 26)



- <sup>1</sup> During the past 30 days.
- <sup>2</sup> During the past 12 months.
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## Parent-School Partnerships

Percentage of public school principals who reported that the parent associations in their schools have influence<sup>1</sup> on the following areas of school policy (Indicator 34)



- <sup>1</sup> On a 6-point scale from "no influence" to a "great deal of influence," defined as a response to the top two points.
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